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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Brian Haughan and Wally Verhanneman for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING TRUSTED TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN BUSINESSES comprising 23 pages of specification and claims.

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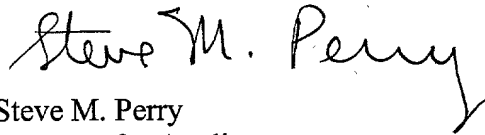
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